

Immigration and Nationality Act; 8 U.S.C. 1421-1459, become a resident of a State (with in such meaning) before commencing the financial assistance program; and

"(B) file an application for naturalization within 60 days after the later of—

"(i) the date that he meets the requirements for naturalization in section 316(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1436) or

"(ii) the date that he is accepted into the financial assistance program."

SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT

Section 12102(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "or" the first place such term appears;

(2) by inserting a comma after "United States" the first place such term appears; and

(3) by inserting ", or is a national of the the United States eligible (as provided in sections 2104 (b), 2207(b), or 2107a(b) of this title) for advanced training in, or financial assistance as a member of, the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps" after the close parenthesis

HONORING THE SYKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Sykes Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic minded people giving freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in fire fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR DISASTER

HON. RICHARD J. DURBIN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear

disaster, and to urge support for closing the Chernobyl nuclear powerplant.

It was 10 years ago, April 26, 1986 that reactor No. 4 at the Chernobyl nuclear powerplant exploded. And the effects of that explosion are still with us today. Millions of people, including more than a million children, were exposed to the high levels of radiation that escaped from the Chernobyl nuclear powerplant. Many have suffered the consequences of that exposure, which has led to thyroid cancer, birth defects, diseases of the immune system and more.

The world has responded to the suffering of the people affected by the Chernobyl disaster. The Ukrainian-American community, the Belarusian-American community, the Moldovan-American community, the Russian-American community and other Eastern and Central European-American communities have led the way, sending millions of dollars and teams of doctors and nurses to help the relief efforts. But even 10 years after this disaster, the effects of Chernobyl are still with us. There is much work left to do.

I have introduced, with other Members of Congress, a resolution to help ensure that the world and the people most directly affected by Chernobyl will one day be able to put this tragedy behind them. The resolution urges the Government of Ukraine to continue its efforts to close all the nuclear reactors at Chernobyl in a safe and expeditious manner. It calls upon the President of the United States to continue to support the process of closing the Chernobyl nuclear powerplant. It calls upon the President to continue and enhance humanitarian, medical, social impact planning, and hospital development assistance for Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, and other nations most directly affected by the Chernobyl disaster. It calls upon the President to encourage national and international health organizations to expand the scope of research into the public health effects of Chernobyl. And it recognizes April 26, 1996, as the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster.

The people of the United States have a deep interest in freedom and democracy in Eastern and Central Europe, which will contribute to peace and prosperity around the world. Our efforts to assist the nations affected by the Chernobyl disaster will benefit all nations, including our own. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO JOE GROSCOST ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and recognize an outstanding citizen from Sandusky, OH. Mr. Joe Groscost will be retiring from his distinguished career of teaching and coaching at the conclusion of the 1995-96 school team.

Joe started his coaching career as an assistant swim coach at Perkins High School in 1966. He became the head coach in the fall of 1967. Joe started one of the first girls' high school swim programs in northwest Ohio in 1978. His record as a head coach is outstanding.

ing. He holds the Ohio State High School record for the number of victories as a head coach at one high school with 455 wins and 136 losses. His teams have garnered more than 135 titles. He was selected Boys Northwest District Coach of the Year five times plus Girls District Coach of the Year two times.

Mr. Groscost founded the Vacationland Swim Club in 1970 to promote swimming and fitness in his community. The club has been in continuous existence since that time and is an asset to Sandusky community. Mr. Groscost also started a learn-to-swim program that has been instrumental in teaching young children how to swim and water safety.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. "G" as he is affectionately known, has been a positive influence on the lives of the many young men and women who have come in contact with him. He has been instrumental in guiding many teens and has provided constructive assistance to people that have come into contact with Joe even after their high school days were over.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the successful accomplishments of Joe Groscost and to wonderful example he has set for others.

ERMA BOMBECK: AN AMERICAN MODEL

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Erma Bombeck, who passed away on April 23, 1996. Erma Bombeck, columnist, suburban housewife, and life philosopher shared her humor with America for 25 years. Ms. Bombeck celebrated the day to day chaos and hysteria of suburban life in her syndicated column "At Wits End."

Ms. Bombeck lives on in best selling books such as: "The Grass Is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank," and "If Life Is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?" A true humanist, in 1989 Ms. Bombeck wrote a touching tribute to children surviving cancer titled, "I Want To Grow Hair, I Want To Grow Up, I Want To Go To Boise." She then benevolently went on to donate her \$1.5 million advance fee to cancer research, 3 years before she was diagnosed with the dreadful disease. After a bout with breast cancer, she was stricken with a fatal kidney disease. Although she received a kidney transplant in early April, she was unable to recover.

As a resident of Arizona, we are proud that such a talented woman made her home in our beautiful State. Erma Bombeck will be remembered for bringing everyday life to a comedic artform. The columns, which are her legacy, will be proudly displayed for years to come in a place of honor all across America, the family refrigerator.

IN HONOR OF DR. WILLIAM "BILL" SENN

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. BAKER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Dr. W.L.